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**HB354**

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Testimony for CPC on Feb 23, 2015 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cindy Kamikawa	The Queen's Health Systems	Comments Only	No

Comments: HB 345 HD 1, Relating to Nurses House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Hearing—February 23, 2015 at 2:00 PM Dear Chairman McKelvey and Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce: My name is Cindy Kamikawa, and I am the Chief Nursing Officer at The Queen's Health Systems. I would like to provide comments regarding HB 354 HD 1, relating to nurses. I agree with the intent of this bill, and also with most of the learning activity options for continuing competency. I would recommend that your committee consider these suggestions as amendments to the bill: 1. The word "preceptor" needs to be defined, with specific standards laid out to qualify an individual as a preceptor (page 6, line 1); 2. Require that any nursing research be approved by the Institutional Review Board, and lay out standards for what qualifies as an evidence-based practice project (page 6, lines 10-12); and 3. Require that nursing education presentations must meet certain defined standards, be approved as continuing education units, or presented at a nationally recognized forum (page 6, lines 16-18). Thank you for your time and consideration of the suggestions provided above.

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**Monday – February 23, 2015; 2:00 pm**  
**Conference Room 325**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair  
Representative Justin Woodson, Vice Chair

From: Art Gladstone RN MBA  
Chief Nurse Executive – Hawai'i Pacific Health  
Chief Operating Office – Straub Clinic & Hospital

Re: **HB 354, HD1, Relating To Nurses**  
**Amended Testimony in Support**

My name is Art Gladstone, Chief Nurse Executive at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) and Chief Operating Officer at Straub Clinic & Hospital. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider, committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 44 outpatient clinics and more than 2,200 physicians and clinicians. The network is anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital. Collectively, they lead the state in the areas of women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, bone and joint services and cancer care. Hawai'i Pacific Health ranks among the top 3.8 percent of hospitals nationwide in electronic medical record adoption, with system-wide implementation that allows its hospitals to offer integrated, coordinated care throughout the state.

I am writing in support of HB 354, HD1 which would require licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to submit evidence of continuing competency at each renewal period, beginning with the July 1, 2017 licensing biennium.

HPH is actively engaged in professional development for nursing, including the training of nurse preceptors and facilitating nurse precepting for new graduate nurse employees. The inclusion of activities, such as precepting, in this bill will enhance HPH's ability to support the nursing staff in completing these continuing competency requirements while at work and at no additional cost to our facility or the nurse. We currently have robust programs in place to develop our preceptors and provide support to them as they mentor our newest of nurses or nurses that are new to their specialty.

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professionals' ongoing development and greatly benefits the patients they serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2015

Monday, February 23, 2015  
2:00 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 354, H.D. 1, RELATING TO NURSES.**

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L. K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer of the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 354, H.D. 1, Relating to Nurses, that would require licensed registered and licensed practical nurses to complete continuing competency requirements prior to the renewal of their nurse license beginning with the 2017 biennium, by completing a "learning activity".

The Board supports this bill with the following amendments:

- Page 2, line 15, amend title of the section to read as follows, "Continuing competency requirements; exemptions; extensions; records retention; audit." This clarifies the title to reflect the contents of the section.
- Page 2, lines 18 -19, reference to "thirty contact hours" should be deleted. Thirty contact hours only pertain to the continuing education learning activity. The other learning activity options vary in hours. The intent of this bill is for a nurse licensee to complete one of the learning activities, not only continuing education.
- Page 3, line 7, should also include "practical nurses". This section exempts nurses who also maintain national nursing certification from the continuing competency requirements since national certifications already require continuing education in addition to other requirements. Licensed practical nurses may also obtain national certification and should be afforded the same exemption as a registered nurse with national certification.

- Page 3, lines 15-21, should be amended to allow a new nursing graduate modified learning activity options in order to meet the continuing competency requirement that include, only fifteen hours of continuing education, one semester credit of post-licensure academic education related to nursing practice from an accredited nursing program, or a learning activity that is approved by the Board.
- Page 4, line 21, should be amended to include the words “to completion of **one of the** learning activity options recognized by the” board. This is to clarify that a nurse licensee shall complete “one” and not a combination of the learning activity options.
- Page 6, lines 1-9, should be amended to delete the orientation of an employee as credit for precepting. The Board determined that since there are no “standards” specified, allowing a nurse to obtain continuing competency credit for performing an orientation was not the same as precepting a nursing student.
- Page 6, lines 13-15, should be amended to specify that the nursing research project must be an institution review board (“IRB”) project. An IRB, also known as an independent ethics committee, ethical review board or research ethics board, is a committee that has been formally designated to approve, monitor, and review biomedical and behavioral research involving humans. The Board determined that clarifying the standard for the research project was necessary. The Board also determined that other evidence-based practice projects must first be pre-approved by the Board.
- Page 7, lines 1-3, should be amended to clarify that the development and conducting of a nursing education presentation should be hours that qualify to offer continuing education.

The Board has been engaged in productive discussions with stakeholders about this bill and plans to continue those discussions at its next Board meeting on March 5.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 354, H.D. 1.



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## Legislative Testimony

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**LATE**

Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
February 23, 2015 at 2:00 pm

by

Robert Bley-Vroman, Chancellor

and

Mary G. Boland, DrPH, RN, FAAN

Dean and Professor

School of Nursing & Dental Hygiene

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### HB 354 HD1 – RELATING TO NURSES

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 354 HD1.

Addressing the needs and interests of the people of Hawai'i includes ensuring that quality health care is easily accessible to consumers throughout the State. Nurses are critical to the successful implementation of health care reform. Continuing education plays a significant role in nursing professionals' ongoing development and for the betterment of the patients they serve. The individual nurse must embrace lifelong learning as an essential key to delivering safe high quality patient care.

The UH Mānoa Nursing supports the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing's Continuing Education Joint Advisory Committee determination that a continuing competency program (self-assessment, implementation of a personal learning plan, CE and subsequent reassessment) is preferable to simple CE program. Additionally, CEJAC determined that continuing competency requirements may be implemented in the state without fiscal burden to nurses, their employers, or academic institutions. However, the UH Mānoa Nursing also supports the legislature's finding that the Hawai'i nurse continued competency program must be established in phases, beginning with learning activity requirements that support continuing competency in nursing.

Further, UHM Nursing supports new graduate nurses and therefore, agrees with the recommended amendments as proposed by the HSCN to clarify the exemptions for nurses with more than twelve months but less than two years of licensure prior to the renewal date.

Therefore, the UH Mānoa Nursing respectfully requests your support of this measure with amendments. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**The Twenty-Eighth Legislature, State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

**Testimony by  
Hawaii Government Employees Association  
February 23, 2015**

**H.B. 354, H.D. 1 - RELATING TO NURSES**

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the concept and intent of H.B. 354, H.D. 1, which amends Chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes by adding two new sections: 1) Continuing competency requirements; exemptions and 2) Learning activity options.

H.B. 354, H.D. 1 provides for licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to submit evidence of completed continuing competency requirements prior to the renewal of their license. This requirement would begin July 1, 2017. Nursing is a dynamic field that improves with best practices. However, we have strong concerns that this bill does not address how the cost and time will impact nurses. Providing a discount on the cost of all learning activities would alleviate any financial hardship.

Time is a huge factor that needs to be addressed. The reality of working a full shift and many times beyond their scheduled shift is an obstacle in itself. Balancing work and personal time is difficult, therefore the question is when are nurses supposed to take the 30 contact hours of learning activity? Whether the learning activities are available on-line, or the nurses are required to be physically present, employers should allow employees to conduct and complete any and all trainings on work time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments for H.B. 354, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

**Randy Perreira  
Executive Director**



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Written Testimony Presented Before the  
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February 23, 2015 2:00 p.m.

by  
Laura Reichhardt, MS, RN, Senior Administrative Coordinator  
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

**HB354 HD1 RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR NURSES**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB354 HD1.

Addressing the needs and interests of the people of Hawai'i includes ensuring that quality health care is easily accessible to consumers throughout the State. Nurses are critical to the successful implementation of health care reform. Continuing competency plays a significant role in nursing professionals' ongoing development and for the betterment of the patients they serve. The individual nurse must embrace lifelong learning as an essential key to delivering safe high quality patient care.

The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (HSCN) formed the Continuing Education Joint Advisory Committee (CEJAC) in accordance with SCR 167 SD2, SLH 2010, which determined that a continuing competency program (self-assessment, implementation of a personal learning plan, CE and subsequent reassessment) is preferable to simple CE program. Additionally, CEJAC concluded that continuing competency requirements may be implemented in the state without fiscal burden to nurses, their employers, or academic institutions. However, the HSCN also supports the legislature's finding that the Hawai'i nurse continuing competency program must be established in phases, beginning with learning activity requirements that support continuing competency in nursing.

Further, after continued discussions with our community partners, we respectfully ask that the CPC Committee consider making the following amendment to Page 3, Lines 15-23. Language under consideration is marked in bold:

If a licensee has graduated or completed pre-licensure requirements from an accredited nursing program more than twelve months but less than two years prior to the renewal date, the registered nurse or practical nurse licensee shall be required to obtain fifteen contact hours of **continuing education, one semester credit of post-licensure academic education related to nursing practice from an accredited nursing program, completion of a board-recognized nurse residency program, or other learning activity options from an approved provider recognized by the board** prior to the first renewal period.

Therefore, the HSCN respectfully requests that HB354 HD1, pass unamended. We appreciate your continuing support of nursing in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**Monday – February 23, 2015; 2:00 pm**  
**Conference Room 325**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair  
Representative Justin Woodson, Vice Chair

From: MaryAnn England  
Chief Nurse Executive

**Re: HB 354, HD1 Relating To Nurses**  
**Amended Testimony in Support**

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My name is MaryAnn England and I am the Chief Nurse Executive of Wilcox Memorial Hospital (Wilcox). Wilcox is a nonprofit hospital and the primary hospital serving the island of Kauai. It has become a cutting-edge hospital serving the medical needs of residents and visitors. As a state-of-the-art Level III Trauma Center, Wilcox was recently ranked among the top 15% in the Nation for Outstanding Patient Experience in 2013. With 193 physicians on staff, Wilcox offers island residents and visitors expert diagnosis and treatment for more than 20 specialties. It is a state-of-the-art acute care facility with a full suite of services including emergency, OB/GYN, pediatrics, cardiology, gastroenterology, ophthalmology, pulmonology, nephrology, cosmetic surgery, internal medicine and family practice.

I am writing in support of HB 354, HD1 which would require licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to submit evidence of continuing competency at each renewal period, beginning with the July 1, 2017 licensing biennium.

Hawaii Pacific Health is actively engaged in professional development for nursing, including the training of nurse preceptors and facilitating nurse precepting for new graduate nurse employees. The inclusion of activities, such as precepting, in this bill will enhance HPH's ability to support the nursing staff in completing these continuing competency requirements while at work and at no additional cost to our facility or the nurse. We currently have robust programs in place to develop our preceptors and provide support to them as they mentor our newest of nurses or nurses that are new to their specialty.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair  
Representative Justin Woodson, Vice Chair

From: Brigitte McKale, Chief Nurse Executive

Re: **HB 354, HD1 Relating To Nurses**  
**Amended Testimony in Support**

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My name is Brigitte McKale, and I am the Chief Nurse Executive for Pali Momi Medical Center. Pali Momi is a not-for-profit hospital located in West O'ahu, and is dedicated to the health and well-being of all Hawai'i residents. With 128 beds and more than 400 physicians on its medical staff, Pali Momi offers a full range of services. The hospital has delivered many medical firsts for the community, including Central and West O'ahu's only interventional cardiac catheterization unit to detect and treat heart disease, a fully integrated minimally invasive surgical suite, CT scan and MRI services and the state's first retina center. Pali Momi is the only medical facility in Hawai'i that uses a team triage approach in its emergency room, where patients are promptly evaluated by an emergency physician. The Pali Momi Women's Center ranks among the top in the nation, and for the past three years, Pali Momi has been in the top five percent nationwide for providing outstanding patient service. The hospital is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, the state's largest health care provider.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair  
Representative Justin Woodson, Vice Chair

From: Mavis Nikaido  
VP of Patient Services and Chief Nurse Executive

Re: **HB 354, HD1 Relating To Nurses**  
**Amended Testimony in Support**

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My name is Mavis Nikaido, and I am the VP of Patient Services and Chief Nurse Executive of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (Kapi'olani). Kapi'olani Medical Center is the state's only maternity, newborn and pediatric specialty hospital. It is also a tertiary care, medical teaching and research facility. Specialty services for patients throughout Hawai'i and the Pacific Region include intensive care for infants and children, 24-hour emergency pediatric care, air transport, maternal-fetal medicine and high-risk perinatal care. The not-for-profit hospital offers several community programs and services, such as the Kapi'olani Child Protection Center and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center. Additionally, Kapi'olani's Women's Center is ranked among the top in the nation. Kapi'olani Medical Center is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, the state's largest health care provider.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair  
Representative Justin Woodson, Vice Chair

From: Patty Boeckmann  
Chief Nurse Executive

**Re: HB 354, HD1, Relating To Nurses**  
**Amended Testimony in Support**

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My name Patty Boeckmann and I am the Chief Nurse Executive at Straub Clinic & Hospital. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider, committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 44 outpatient clinics and more than 2,200 physicians and clinicians. The network is anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital. Collectively, they lead the state in the areas of women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, bone and joint services and cancer care. Hawai'i Pacific Health ranks among the top 3.8 percent of hospitals nationwide in electronic medical record adoption, with system-wide implementation that allows its hospitals to offer integrated, coordinated care throughout the state.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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**PRIME CARE SERVICES HAWAII, INC.**

Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Health  
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by  
Beth Hoban, RN, MAOM  
Board Member, Hawaii State Center for Nursing  
President, Prime Care Services Hawaii

**HB354**

Practical Nurses; Registered Nurses; Nursing Licensure; Continuing Competency Requirements  
RELATING TO NURSES

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan, and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB 354.

I am writing in support of HB 354. I am the President of a home healthcare agency and Board Member of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing. In home health, the nurse is expected to be the “eyes and ears” of the physician to provide quality and accurate assessments in the home. Patients are being discharged from the hospital with complicated problems that need the skills of nurses who are knowledgeable and caring.

Addressing the needs and interests of the people of Hawai‘i includes ensuring that quality health care is easily accessible to consumers throughout the State. Nurses are critical to the successful implementation of health care reform. Continuing education plays a significant role in nursing professionals' ongoing development and for the betterment of the patients they serve. The individual nurse must embrace lifelong learning as an essential key to delivering safe high quality patient care.

The bill exempts Hawai‘i licensed registered nurses who:

- ☐ are licensed in Hawai‘i as APRNs who maintain national certification;
- ☐ maintain current national certification from a recognized national certifying body in their practice role; or
- ☐ are first-time license renewal applicants whose initial license was issued less than twelve months prior to the renewal date.

Therefore, I respectfully requests that HB354, pass unamended. We appreciate your continuing support of nursing in Hawai‘i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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To: Committee Chair on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Representative  
Angus L.K McKelvey  
Vice-Chair, Representative Justin H. Woodson

Date: February 23, 2015, 2:00 pm, House Conference, Rm 325

Re: HB 354—Relating to Nursing, Practical Nurses; Registered Nurses; Nursing  
Licensure; Continuing Competency Requirements

Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Woodson and Committee Members:

Thank very much for the opportunity to offer testimony on the measure under consideration. I strongly support the bill but with some considerations.

HB 354 addresses two major issues in the delivery of healthcare services: patient safety and competency of the nurses. There are already existing laws, regulations, policies and procedures that govern nurses' actions in relation to patient safety and competency:

**1. §457-1.5] Practice of nursing.** (a) Nursing is a scientific process founded on a body of professional knowledge. It is a learned profession based on an understanding of the human condition across the lifespan of a client and the relationship of a client with others and within the environment. It is also an art dedicated to caring for others. The practice of nursing means assisting clients in attaining or maintaining optimal health, implementing a strategy of care to accomplish defined goals within the context of a client-centered health care plan, and evaluating responses to nursing care and treatment. Nursing is a dynamic discipline that is continually evolving to include more sophisticated knowledge, technologies, and client care activities. Nursing applies evidence-based practice to promote optimal client outcomes.

**2. TITLE 16 of DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS CHAPTER 89  
§16-89-60 Types of unprofessional conduct:**

(6) Performing unsafe or unacceptable patient care or failing to conform to professional standards required of a nurse which poses a danger to the welfare of a patient which shall include: (A) Intentionally or negligently causing physical or emotional injury to a patient; (B) Administering medication and treatment in a careless or negligent manner; (C) Failing to take appropriate action or to follow policies and procedures in the practice setting designed to safeguard the patient; (D) Failing to take appropriate action in safeguarding a patient from incompetent health care practices;  
(7) Engaging in any act inconsistent with the practice of nursing as defined in section 457-2, HRS,

**3. Quality and Patient Safety is also the advocacy of the American Hospital Association.**

"Delivering the right care at the right time in the right setting is the core mission of hospitals across the country. The AHA is committed to helping members improve the quality of care they deliver every day. We do so by providing information and assistance on how to improve care and by working with federal lawmakers, regulators and research agencies to create a policy environment on which quality and safety can thrive."

4. “The Joint Commission accredits and certifies more than 20,500 health care organizations and programs in the United States. Joint Commission accreditation and certification is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization’s commitment to meeting certain performance standards.”

With the above citations, nurses have already the legal obligation to maintain competency in their profession. It is also a legal duty to uphold patient safety.

There are different fields of practice in the nursing profession. Each nurse could be the best nurse in his/her chosen field of specialty. Nurses in clinical settings particularly in critical care areas must be knowledgeable and competent at all times when performing their duties. But a school nurse or a public health nurse could be equally competent and a strong advocate for patient safety in their respective areas of work.

HB 354 should address the types of continuing education in each area of specialty. For instance, there are many nurses working in their homes as care home operators or case managers. The Department of Health requires care home operations to submit annually 12 contact hours in continuing education. Will the Board of Nursing accept these contact hours when these nurses are renewing their licenses?

HB 354 has good intentions but, obviously, there are also issues that need to be discussed how the Board of Nursing will enforce and implement when the bill becomes law?

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ramon Sumibcay, MHA, BSN, RN  
MAJ (ret. US Army)

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**LATE**

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Stephanie Wickizer MS, RN, CEN

**HB354 HD1 RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR NURSES**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this bill, HB354 HD1.

Lifelong learning as a nurse is essential to delivering competent, quality health care. This should be embraced by all nurses as an essential part of ensuring that we provide the best, most up to date care to our patients. This bill not only ensures that nurses in the State continue to better themselves through earning continuing education credits but also shows the dedication the State has to quality healthcare.

I believe that the Hawai`i nurse continuing competency program be established in phases. This will help ease the transition for nurses and help to avoid possible financial hardships to nurses, their employers and academic institutions. Therefore, I respectfully requests that HB354HD1, pass unamended.

Sincerely,

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Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Honorable Representatives, As a Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice Nurse, I stand in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 354 HD1. I supported the Bill introduced in 2014 for many reasons. Nationally, 71% of State Boards of Nursing require some level of continuing competency(CC), with an overall increase in CC requirements of 33% since 2010. The most common requirements include 30 contact hours of continuing education (CE), academic courses related to nursing, national certification in a nursing specialty, refresher courses, authoring publications, or giving nursing presentations. The primary objection last session was in relation to the ways in which the requirement could be met. I believe this Bill addresses those concerns adequately. It is time to bring the standards for Hawai'i nurses into line with a majority of nurses in the United States. Based on this, I encourage you to vote in support of this Bill and advance HB 354 HD1 to the full Legislature for consideration into law. Mahalo for the time to listen and consider my testimony.

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Marianela Jacob APRN,FNP-BC	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony to HB354-relating to nurses My name is Marianela Jacob, APRN,FNP-BC, training coordinator for Healthcare School of Hawaii.This bill was written,revised and rewritten by several stakeholders of the nursing community under the leadership of Hawaii Center for Nursing.I support the bill, this is long overdue. Thank you.

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